

Remarks/Arguments

In the Office Action mailed November 9, 2006, the Examiner indicated that all of claims 6-13, 15-24, and 30-39 have been withdrawn from consideration on the merits as being directed to a non-elected invention. The examiner also indicated that such "may be returned to the scope of the original invention, by deleting alkyl ether alkylene and alkyl ester alkylene from the scope of R1." The examiner had previously indicated that claims 6-11, 13, 15-22, 31-34, and 36 of such original scope were allowable over the art of record.

In response to the examiner's comments, applicants have amended the claims by deleting alkyl ether alkylene and alkyl ester alkylene from the scope of R1, thus returning the claims to the scope of the original invention. Accordingly, the examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider the withdrawal of applicant's claims, and to reinstate claims 6-13, 15-24, and 30-39 for consideration on the merits

In the Office Action of April 19, 2006, the examiner indicated that claims 6-11, 13, 15-22, 31-34, and 36, exemplifying the original scope of the invention as referred to by the examiner, were allowable over the art of record. Claims 23-25 were objected to in said action, but it is believed that applicant's claim amendments have overcome all of the examiner's objections. In view of the claim amendments herein, it is now believed that all of claims 6-11, 15-24 and 30-36 are in allowable condition, which action is respectfully solicited.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, applicants respectfully submit that all of the pending claims are in condition for allowance, which action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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